(b) and (c) As per revised estimates, there are 70,000 HIV infected children in the country and nearly 21,000 new infections occur in children every year. Following the launch of pediatric ART initiative in November, 2006; more than 18 thousand infected children have been identified and currently nearly 6500 eligible children are receiving ARV pediatric drugs. ARV drugs are available for 17000 children and there is no shortage of these drugs.

Waste management project in Madhya Pradesh

†691. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government for financial assistance for waste management pilot project for Government hospitals in Sagar, Khandwa and Chhindwara districts;

(b) if so, the present position of this proposal;

(c) whether Government have approved the said financial assistance; and

(d) if not, by when the financial assistance is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (d) The scheme for providing financial assistance for creating infrastructure in Government hospitals for disposing of Bio-medical waste has since been dropped and no proposal for providing financial assistance to any state for this purpose is under consideration.

PNDT cases

692. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of PNDT are registered against doctors in the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) how many doctors were arrested; and

(c) how many doctors have been convicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Number of on going Court cases filed under the PC&PNDT Act are 402 as on 1.08.07.

(b) Three doctors have been punished with an order of imprisonment, one in Haryana and two in Punjab under the PC&PNDT Act.

(c) All the three doctors above have been convicted.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.